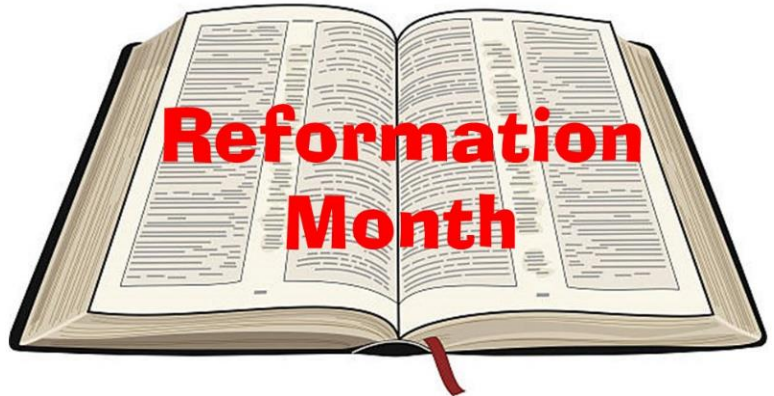


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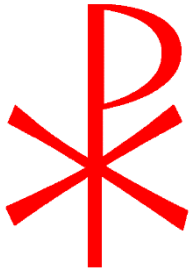


St. Luke's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



**Reformation  
Month**

October 22, 2023



Disciples and Ministers: *All the People*  
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*Whether this is your first time with us or you have been here your whole life, **WELCOME** to the place where we stand together before God as equals. If you are new here and seeking a church home, please contact the church office at 419-257-3253 and leave a message.*

### **Assisting in Worship**

Organist: *Janet Goldner*  
Worship Leader: *Dwight Patterson*  
Scripture Reader and Prayer Leader: *Tiffany Mika*  
Acolyte: *Hannah Hagemyer*  
Ushers: *Bryant Matthes, Matt Matthes*  
Videographer: *Beth Williams*

### **To the Glory of God**

October Candles: *Ruth McKee*  
October Bulletins: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*  
October Newsletter: *Nancy & Jim Wymer*

**The Flowers** The flowers are given by Peg, Bill, and Judy Roberts and Jane Leggiero in loving memory of Ingrid Cornelius Roberts, whose birthday is October 27.

**Choir** rehearsals are Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. You may join us anytime. Everyone age 16 and older is invited to join us. Come and lift your voice in praise to God.



# Order of Worship

Sunday, October 22, 2023

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism.*

*\*please stand, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.*

*Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

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## GOD GATHERS US

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### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE WITH SILENT MEDITATIVE PRAYER

*Use your breath as a form of prayer as you listen to the music. When you breathe in, pray, "Gracious God." When you exhale, pray, "open my heart."*

#### AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Leader: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, and the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Please take a moment for silent confession.*

Leader: Steadfast and faithful God,

**ALL: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Leader: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **ALL: Amen.**

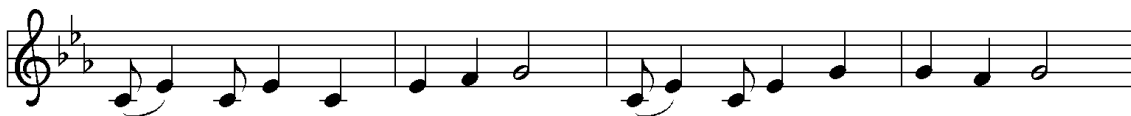
**\*GATHERING HYMN #883**

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

**\*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love and God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: and also with you.**

**\*KYRIE HYMN #151**



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

**\*THIS IS THE FEAST**



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry, for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray:

**ALL: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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# GOD SPEAKS TO US

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## PROPHETIC READING

ISAIAH 45:1-7

Reader: The LORD has chosen Cyrus to be king. He has appointed him to conquer nations; he sends him to strip kings of their power; the LORD will open the gates of cities for him.

To Cyrus the LORD says, <sup>2</sup>“I myself will prepare your way, leveling mountains and hills. I will break down bronze gates and smash their iron bars. <sup>3</sup>I will give you treasures from dark, secret places; then you will know that I am the LORD and that the God of Israel has called you by name. <sup>4</sup>I appoint you to help my servant Israel, the people that I have chosen. I have given you great honor, although you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the LORD; there is no other god. I will give you the strength you need, although you do not know me. <sup>6</sup>I do this so that everyone from one end of the world to the other may know that I am the LORD and that there is no other god. <sup>7</sup>I create both light and darkness; I bring both blessing and disaster. I, the LORD, do all these things.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM READING

*(responsively)*

PSALM 96:1-9

Reader: Sing a new song to the LORD! Sing to the LORD, all the world!

**ALL: Sing to the LORD, and praise him! Proclaim every day the good news that he has saved us.**

Reader: Proclaim his glory to the nations, his mighty deeds to all peoples.

**ALL: The LORD is great and is to be highly praised; he is to be honored more than all the gods.**

Reader: The gods of all other nations are only idols, but the LORD created the heavens.

**ALL: Glory and majesty surround him; power and beauty fill his Temple.**

Reader: Praise the LORD, all people on earth; praise his glory and might.

**ALL: Praise the LORD's glorious name; bring an offering and come into his Temple.**

Reader: Bow down before the Holy One when he appears; tremble before him, all the earth!

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **DISCIPLESHIP READING**

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Reader: From Paul, Silas, and Timothy to the people of the church in Thessalonica, who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be yours.

<sup>2</sup>We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm. <sup>4</sup>Our friends, we know that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own. <sup>5</sup>For we brought the Good News to you, not with words only, but also with power and the Holy Spirit, and with complete conviction of its truth. You know how we lived when we were with you; it was for your own good. <sup>6</sup>You imitated us and the Lord; and even though you suffered much, you received the message with the joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>So you became an example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only did the message about the Lord go out from you throughout Macedonia and Achaia, but the news about your faith in God has gone everywhere. There is nothing, then, that we need to say. <sup>9</sup>All those people speak about how you received us when we visited you, and how you turned away from idols to God, to serve the true and living God <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son to come from heaven—his Son Jesus, whom he raised from death and who rescues us from God's anger that is coming.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

setting 2 pg 124

**ALL:** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Leader/  
Cantor  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**ALL:** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 22:15-22

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

Leader: There is good news for us this day and it comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 22. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: <sup>15</sup>The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions. <sup>16</sup>Then they sent to him some of their disciples and some members of Herod's party. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you tell the truth. You teach the truth about God's will for people, without worrying about what others think, because you pay no attention to anyone's status. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what do you think? Is it against our Law to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor, or not?"



<sup>18</sup> Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, “You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for paying the tax!”

They brought him the coin, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, “Whose face and name are these?”

<sup>21</sup> “The Emperor's,” they answered.

So Jesus said to them, “Well, then, pay to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay to God what belongs to God.”

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE MESSAGE**

### **\*HYMN OF THE DAY #423**

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

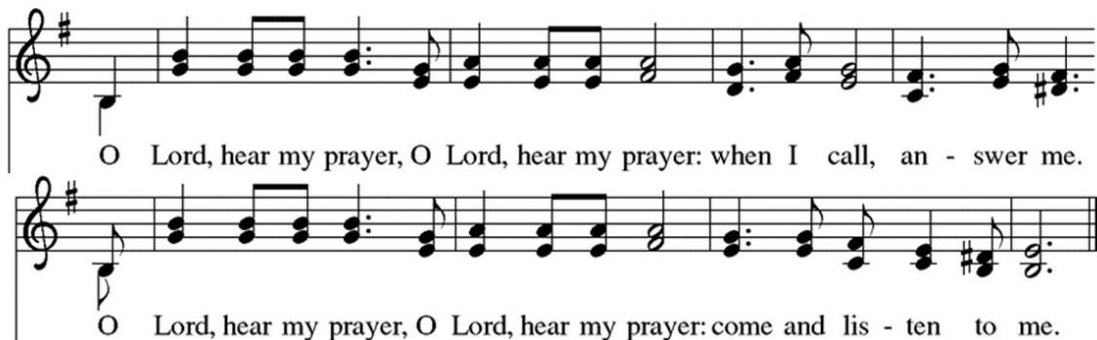
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Prayer Leader: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

## \*PRAYER SONG HYMN #751

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

## \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**

We pray for Rick, Kolton, Ron, Jim, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Emelyn, Isabella, Mary Ann, Kevin, Shirley, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Doug, Betty, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Holly, Tessa, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, and Cooper.

## \*THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

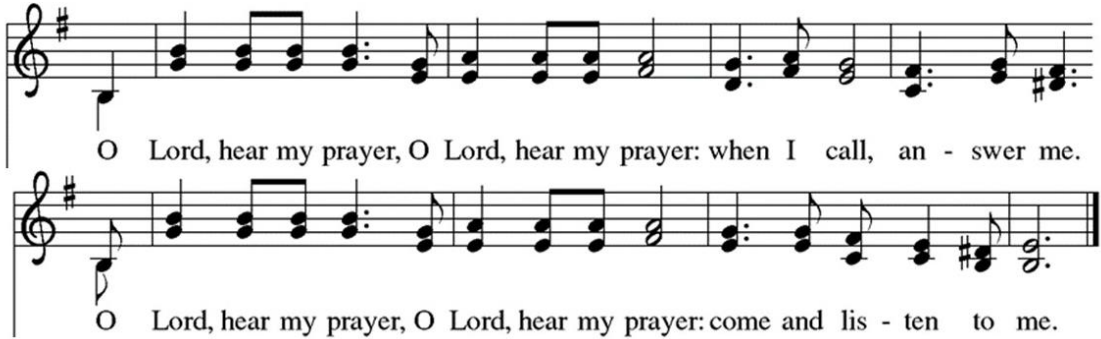
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,**



**As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

**\*PRAYER SONG HYMN #751**

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
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**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

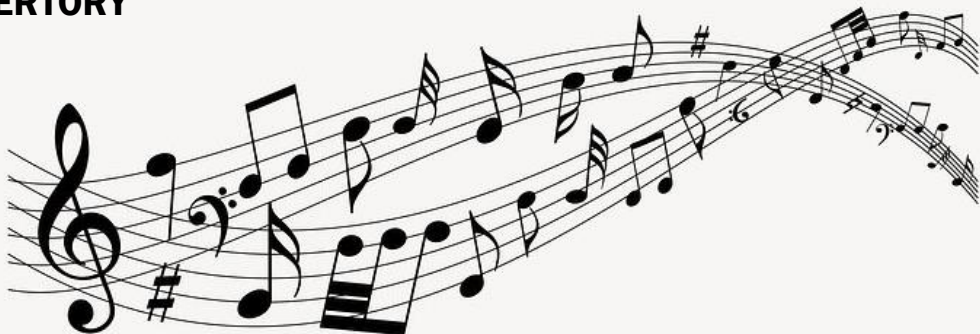
**ALL: and also with you**

*Please share God's peace.*

**INVITATION FOR OFFERINGS**

Leader: In gratitude for all that we have received from God let us now bring our tithes and offerings for the work and mission of God's church.

**OFFERTORY**



## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #182

## LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

**ALL: ALL: God of power and plenty, all things belong to you. We ask you to bless these gifts that we have given and guide us to use them for the mission and work of your church in this place and throughout the world. Amen.**



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# GOD NOURISHES US

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## \*THE TABLE PRAYER

Leader: God of all creation, all you have made is good.

**ALL: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 129

Leader: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life.

**ALL: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life and the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. And so, with all the universe and the hosts of heaven, we join in praise and sing...**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en. and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying

**ALL: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Leader: Again, after supper, Jesus took a cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying

**ALL: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.**

Leader: For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### DISTRIBUTION

### \*HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

VERSE 1

#### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n - ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill.  
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Please join me prayer,

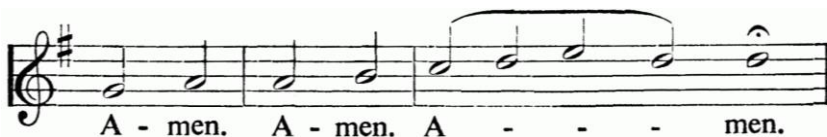
**ALL: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**GOD SENDS US**

**\*BLESSING**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**\*THE AMEN**



A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

**\*SENDING HYMN #733**

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

**\*DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in Peace. Christ is with you. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday – Wear Red**

**ELCA “Hunger Appeal” Offering** - Each week as we leave worship, we remember the poor by placing loose change offerings in the “hunger bowls” on the Information Table in the Narthex.

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Please remember to stop by the Information Table and sign the greeting cards, reminding our members and friends that we are thinking about them.

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**North Baltimore Food Pantry October** requested donations include: peanut butter, jams, jellies, and preserves. Thank you for your continued support.

Reformation and Halloween are what we think about in October, but the local food pantry has Christmas on their minds. Their plan is to prepare 25 food boxes for those in need in our community. We are being asked to provide **25 cans of sweet potatoes/yams and 25 cans of cranberry sauce**. Please place your donations on the shelves above the coat racks in Luther Hall by **November 12**. Thank you.





Please help to keep our Prayer List up-to-date by notifying the church office of any changes, additions or deletions.

**WE GIVE THANKS:** for the Lay Leadership of this congregation. Thanks be to God!

**MEMBERS:** Rick Van Mooy, Kolton Williams, Ron Bean, Cheryl & John Kruse, Fred Husing, Shirley Heilman, Larry Slaughterbeck, Bob Kelley, Caroline Lieser, Marilyn Ziegler, Bertha & Jim Carter, Barb Williams.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Jim Heize, Emelyn, Isabella, Keven Bickle, Shirley Hollowell, Cheryl, A.J., Mavery Breece, Caroline, Ethan, Brent Bradley, Richard Roberts, Deanna Griffith, Laura, Michael Sullivan, Cindy.

**MILITARY:** for all those who are in training and who are serving in the military & their families; the chaplains (*especially those in combat zones*); grieving families and friends of those who died while serving.

**COMPANION CHURCH:** Mwanawotta Lutheran Church, of the Dodoma Diocese, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

**WIDER CHURCH PRAYERS:** all ministries of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), our presiding **Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**, all our bishops, pastors, and leaders of the congregations of the NWOS (Northwestern Ohio Synod), **Bishop Daniel Beaudoin**, and our 15 Central Conference congregations.

**THE WORLD:** for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.



## From your Church Council:



The Church Council has had many discussions about installing a new entry door to our church. We have decided on the style and design that gives us the widest opening – 67½”. The new door will be a sliding automatic door which will open as you approach, very much like those at Walmart. We have set aside time at the Annual Congregational

Meeting on November 12/19, for discussion and a vote from the members. If the vote passes, the door will be installed in Spring 2024. Any questions can be directed to any Church Council Member, or brought up at the Annual Meeting. Stop by Luther Hall to see what the door will look like and for a bit more information.

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## Next Sunday is “Reformation Sunday”

At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free. Join us as we celebrate the Reformation. **WEAR RED!**

### UP-COMING DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

- November 5 is All Saints’ Sunday
- November 6 the Church Office will be closed
- November 12 – Annual Fundraising Dinner
- November 19 – Annual Congregational Meeting
- November 23 – Thanksgiving Day
- November 24 – church office closed



# Sermon Notes

Write 3 teachings or ideas you heard in today's sermon:

1.

2.

3.

Something I might do to put this sermon into practice.

Write a brief prayer relating to the sermon.

